The Old Jokes Home.

By Prof. Josh M. A. Long.

What Shall Be Done with Officer Jerry Sullivan?

A Romance of Business-Girl Life in New York. By Albert Payson Terhune. filled his lungs by a deep gasp and sought to shout to the watchman. By a mighty and despairing effort he tore the other's hand from his mouth.

Hilda Gilchrist, a stenographer, is engaged a Jack Bruce, a law clerk. Her late uncle, hose sole helress she is, was reputed rich, pde Clayton, Hilda's employer, is anxious in marry her in order to find some clue to its uncle's estate. Clayton's henchman, are Raynor, offers to help his master in adding the fortune. Hilda discovers in a rong box of her uncle an apparently blank set of paper. On this paper words and gures are treated in sympathetic link. A cryptogram is thus formed which, by an ay method, they translate. It contains distinct to the whereabouts of the fortune. Senselessness was fast creeping over him. His arms felt heavy as lead. The masked man, seeing his condition, stepped back a pace. Furlong gathered the old-fashioned building occupied to the attack. One wavering hand by the Aaron Burr Safe Deposit clutched and closed on the handker. chief mask, but Furlong lacked even ompany.

chief mask, but Furlong lacaed even the sight strength to tear it from its

bours later than even he was in the place.

habit of going home. But to night he Again he essayed to shout for assisthabit of going home. But to-night he had a motive for staying so late;
Before him, on the debt, lay a teleBream; it read;
Wait at your office for me to-night, he less.

Wait at your office for me to-night, he less.

Matter how late it may be. It is a matter of life or death.

BRUCH.

Inquisitive, yet obedient to his friend's he tore up the forged telegram he had have a life on the forged telegram he had have been supported by the late.

request Furlong had stayed on.

The Aaron Burr Safe Deposit Comsent Furlong. "Come along, Exra." pany, as has been said, was an oldfashioned, conservative institution, sadiy out of date in this day of mop-proof steel vaults, electric alarms and similar safeguards. A solltary watchman pa-trolled the old building and kept ward over the strong-room which held such treasures as were still in the backnumber company's charge.

was Robbery.

Knowing that Furlong was working late, the watchman had taken the opportunity for a short nap on the eather couch in the directors' room on the second floor, confident of being awakened by the noise of the young man's departure.

through the front door and followed a gleam of light down a long passageway toward Furlong's room had counted on some such chance.

Areived at the end of the passage they peered cautiously through the glass door at the nodding man at the deak.
Furlong sat up with a start as the door opened.

Then, thinking himself still dreaming,

he stared stupidly at the apparition named in the doorway. Two men stood there-one tall and avily built, one tall and lean. The

faces of both were covered by handkerdefs, through which irregular eye holes were rudely clipped. The lean man held a revolver levelled

est Furlong's head. His companion adwanced toward the desk. "Is this meant for a joke?" asked Furlong, getting to his feet. "Because

a, but stopped and said: "I believe you carry the keys to the sailts, Mr. Furlong. If you will turn

them over to us and allow us to the

o we are!" said the masked man, og, his naturally sluggish brain at ble mearer enpenent was between him and the man with the revolver, and then

As he did so he opened his mouth for a should that should summon the watch-

But the ary died in his throat, for an leaped, his antagonist clapped one d over Funiong's mouth and pressed the other hand, which he had been hold-ing behind him, to the young man's nos-

in the first breath through the cloth his brain grew hasy their victim stretched on the floor, has professional could have warned him of the brain grew hasy their victim stretched on the floor, has professional could have warned him of the blunder he was now making. The the nest treath arrows hasy their victim stretched on the hounder he was now making. The bis muscles flacoid. The drug. It was Hyde Clayton's first experience effects of the strongest anaesthetic are but momentary if only one on two respiwhatever it might be, was potent. Fur-in the gentle art of drugging, as it was but momentary if only one on two respi-lang too late realized his plight. He also his first in actual burgiary. For rations have been taken. Furlong had

101 Prizes in All. But instead of the ringing cry he had First Prize......\$50 meant to give forth only, a gurgling Five Prizes, each...... 10 murmur sounded. Seventy Prizes, each...... 5 Twenty-five Prizes, each .... 2

THE BANK ROBBERY.

fects would have been prolonged. fancied they would be long enduring.

But so apparently magical had been | Fighting back the pain, he scramble the first effects that the lawyer had to his feet. How long had he lain there Scarcely had be and Raynor quitted A moment later he regained his senses sufficiently to open his eyes and attempt

Little by little memory returned. As the full realization of what had occurred dawned on him, he struggled to across the senseless man's face the ef- a sitting posture. Hes head throbb and he felt deathly ill.

IN PRIZES.

Were the roboers still in the building The thought of raising an alarm did not enter his mind. These men had duped him. Single-handed he would punish them. Stumbling, shaky and nauseated, he made his way toward the

By help of Furlong's keys the two marauders had reached the broad stone floored room in the cellar, where the fled boarding-house wits. strong boxes were kept. A single low dimly showing the outlines of tiers of

"Why not make a little tour of the boxes and annex anything that strikes us as particularly beautocus or likely to be of use in a model home?" suggested Raynor, with a grin of anticipation. "Cut it out!" growled Hyde. "Too much risk. Find the box old Abel

March rented and then let's get out."

They had little difficulty in discovering box 4,261. They turned up the gas and together hauled the box out on the stone floor.

"Pretty light," commented Ezra.
"More notes than gold in it; I guess. Turning at the other's cry of warning,

Hyde Clayton faced Furlong, who was urching down the steps toward them. The drug's effects were quickly leaving the young man. His brain was fast clearing and his muscles recovering their power. His face was still ghastly pale, but a devil of wrath blazed in his big, honest eyes.

He had hurried to the vaults, and had been overjoyed to see his two foes still there, with the box still unopened. Two to one as they were, the robbers shrank back a step at sight of

Then, realizing that a battle for life or death was inevitable, they drew apart, each alert, merciless, armed and awaited the onset of the interloper. Furlong, unarmed but mad with wrath, and strong in the knowledge that the safety of his employers' prop-erty depended on him alone, rushed down the remaining steps and advanced on his silent, masked enemies. (To Be Continued.)

A RONDEAU. When Cupid comes, the doctors say, "Well, how are we this morning.

I famoy that we feel the heat! Oh, anything that she cares to eat, And keep her well amused and gay; A little tonic twice a day." (Some lemon juice and eau sucree) The doctors all are so discreet, When Cupid comes:

I'll be your doctor, if I may,

When Cupid comes.
—Pall Mall Gasette.

Solve the Simple Cipher in This Story and Win Some of the \$500 for Xmas Money.

first instalment, but is the cryptogram which appears in the eighth chapter. In other chapters besides that contains the cipher hints as to its solution will be scattered. In the eleventh chapter, for instance, occurs a

ures for letters. Four words will be given as a start in the key, and the other letters of the albumbet not found in these words will follow. By the exercise of a little thought and ingenuity the cipher may be readily translated.

The story will end on Saturday, Dec. 19, and answers will be received up to noon of Monday, Dec. 21. Fill out this blank and send it to "Girl in Blue Editor of Evening World, P. O. Box 1354, New York City." There are many ciphers in existence, but the one which

## THE BEST WAY TO POP THE QUESTION.

EDITED BY MARGARET HUBBARD AYER.



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CTRAIGHTFORWARDNESS seems to be the order of the day. No shilly-shallying, no roundabout methods, no flowery language. A plain, straight-forward, business-like proposal on the part of the man, an equally plain state-ment of facts on the woman's part,

ge? Lovers have little time now to they have an inclination to do so on the elevated train or between bites een box-trimmed paths sighing to moon and thinking up neatly-turned speeches, because such paths are scarce in New York and time is scarcer still. Love-making must be expeditiously ions, and in almost all these contest there appears a tendency to a business-like promptness—a sign

muers change, language seems to go, but the feeling that prompts the to speak and the girl to help himins the same now that it was in meetul days when gentle Pris-

\$10 FOR THE BEST LETTER! sides, none but the boldest type of from a Woman on the Least Embarrassing Way for a Girl to Pop the Question During Leap Year

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from Man or Woman on the Most question, Georgie dear!" Delicate Way of Refusing an Offer of Marriage.

Address letters to Margaret Hubbard Ayer, Evening World, N. Y. City

tilla told John Alden to "speak for him-

herself to ask a man to marry her, be it leap year or not, is not worth a second thought. She lowers herself in the young man's estimation and also loses his respect. What if he is bash-ful! If he wants to marry her he will have the Mary Mary Con you are supply

woman would ask a man to marry her.
A. E. W., Closter, N. J. Two Ways to Pop the Question.

But the Cry Died in His Throat.

Dear Miss Ayer: Two of the best methods that can b used when about to "Pop the Question from a Man Giving Directions How young lady can say to her best beau: are: First way-On Jan. 1, 1904, the to Pop the Question Most Con'Why, if this ten't leap year! Will you glide with me through life?' Becond way—She can say: "Dear me, if this isn't leap year! To you I must pop the

Miss A. BLACK. The Gentlest Way to Reject. Dear Miss Ayer: BELIEVE that the gentlest way to

reject a proposed is primarily to im-press upon the proposer the utter lack of affinity; to convince the proposer at the conclusion of the interview of your being unworthy of him or her; to hint that you are not disposed to marry any one for an indefinite time, if at all: to assure the proposer that the personal regard is mutual.

ARTHUR B. M'TAMMANY.

He Thinks This an Easy Way, Dear Miss Ayer: THE easiest way to propose to a lady is this: Call upon the lady at your

her: "My thear Miss Doe, you are surely find courage to ask her for her hand. Think of the humiliation she would suffer should he refuse her; or, if he should accept, in after years to east it, up to her at every little difference. Be-

\*100 PRIZES.

XMAS PUZZLES.

**ALL XMAS WEEK** 

In THE EVENING WORLD

Little Stories of Our Streets. By Owen Kildare, the Bowery Kipling. No. III.-Canal and the Bowery.

chaled enough of the drug to stupefy He could not understand how he m for the moment. Had Clayton chanced to be lying there. His head was cought to lay the scaked handkerohief still dizzy and his mind confused.

Perhaps you do not. And there-fore it is necessary to tell you "Collar bu something about him. My friend Horn- ers!" lower is a man of affairs, known to almost everybody. This latter is acounted for by the fact that he is a

be by the nature of things, although concy in striving after our aims. I

ne does not approve of it in theory. This morning I felt him, before I saw oursed strenuousness' I stood at the corner of Canal street and the Bowery, when somebody tried to make a lasting impression on my back.

"Pardon me, old man, for trying to us as a blemish in our national char-

O you know John Hornblower? sumably intelligent men, rush at

A Bowery peddler offered his wares.
"No, my good man, I don't need anything," said Hornblower. "There, we ought to take example by this peddler. A "joiner" is a man who belongs to Peacably and peacefully he goes through every club, society and ledge in exist-ence and spends his spare hours in organizing new ones.

Naturally, John Hornblower is always men, must madly trample on the feet the go or on the jump. He has to and rights ofothers, disregard all de-

want to tell you, dear friend, that this

to make a lasting impression on my last and told you before I don't need anything," said Hornblower impatiently. "As I was saying before the peddler interrupted me, this cursed impatiently than the peddler interrupted me, this cursed impatiently the peddler interrupted me, the peddler interrupted me, this cursed impatiently the peddler interrupted me, the peddler Francon me, old man, for trying to break your back, but you know how it is, acter. It is a vice, ever-spreading, all-francin in a hurry and want to catch the in us because it is the essence of selfishings.

next car. It is beastly brutal to have to rush about thusly, but present day conditions make it obligatory."

Within five seconds we were in a heated discussion, or rather Hornblower was, defending his practice by his theory.

"You can say what you like, you can call it what you like, aggressiveness, goaheadlyeness, push, energy; the fact remains that it is a state approaching cannibalism to see men, pre-



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Jerry Sullivan, formerly so vigilant and efficient, still remains a painful mystery to his friends and to rolls superiors in the Society for the Pre-vention of Cruelty to Humor.

It is plain to be seen that Officer SulJosh M. A. Long with "graft" are is

livan is not en rapport with our pres- the air. ent policy to release the rejuvenated The vile canard that Prof. Josh E. A. jests from the Old Jokes' Home, in re-sponse to overwhelming demands from way musical comedy, alding and abetthe prostrated theatrical industry, an- ting old jokes to labor beyond guished after-dinner speakers and bat- strength, has been sent broadcast. What do you think? How do you; Officer Sullivan raves violently at the stand?

here suggestion that any of the in-

mates of our institution be restored to Are you for releasing the old jokes friends and former employers. But for and turning them at large upon the officer we would recommend instant repression and incarceration? Are dismissal. As it is we leave it to the with Prof. Josh M. A. Long in his members of the S. P. C. H. to decide forts to restore theatries to their what shall be done with Officer Jerry prosperity and after-dinner ap He claims the majority of the S. P. with Old Dr. Lemonosky and Office takes against the release of the old jokes. Let us hear from the members of the S. P. C. H. and all our friends. it in:

IN REGARD TO THE OLD JOKES HOME QUESTION

To Put In To Take Out

vention of Cruelty to Humor.

site 'Put In' if you believe in putting the old jokes in the Old Jokes' Home, or make a cross mark in the space against

ADDRESS.....

of Cruelty to Humor, the labors of the Busy Blue Ambulance and Joe-Miller, To the Members of the S. P. C. H. the famous old chestnut, the only horse

Busy Blue Ambulance and Joe-Miller, the famous old chestnut, the only horse with a hyphen, in gathering is the old jokes, or are you with Prof. Josh M. A. Long in his present policy of letting the old jokes go back to work?

Send in your ballot and vote as your conscience dictates.

Letters: Letterst Letterst

Prof. Josh M. A. Long—In my recent communication, in which I offered to exchange a ready-made German dialect for a few good old jokes, I forgot to say that the dialect in question has been but slightly used.

THOMAS Q. Sharbrooke, Care of "The Red Feather."

We have received a letter from Rodgerson Blair, "The Weeping Bard of Borough Park." It is evidently inspired by the Old Dr. Lemonosky-Officer Jerry Sullivan is enter the motives of our honored head. Prof. Josh M. A. Long. It is useless to attempt to "jump" Officer Jerry Sullivan over the heads of his superior officers in the S. P. C. H. Officer Jerry Sullivan over the heads of his superior officers in the S. P. C. H. Officer Jerry Sullivan over the heads of his superior officers in the S. P. C. H. Officer Jerry Sullivan was never a doe-

Are you with Officer Jerry Sullivan tor in the army. It is another case of and old Dr. Lemonsky to continue the Capt. Beliairs and Wood-up. Rodgerson Blair.

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